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The Honorable Mark Shurtleff
Attorney General
236 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Attorney General,

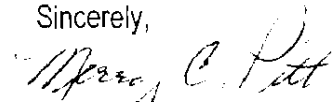
It seems that service always improves and prices go down when customers are given more choices. So, why don't we have more competition in Utah for our long-distance phone service?

If our local phone service provider was allowed to offer long distance service too, I think it would benefit everyone involved. I've read that in states where the local providers were allowed to enter the long distance market, the long distance bills dropped by at least 10 percent, and local service became cheaper, too.

For the past five years, I've watched my long distance bill get more expensive and more complicated than ever. It does no good to switch between the national service providers, because they all raise their prices at the same time, and they add on all kinds of extra fees and charges because they know consumers don't have another choice.

It's about time for another option in long distance service here in Utah

Sincerely,



Merry C Pitt

March 18, 2002

Laura J. Ford
176 W. 1st.
Smithfield, UT 84335

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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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I have no particular interest in Qwest or any other company. But I do know that with more companies competing against each other for my business, I'll **get** lower rates. Unfortunately, we don't currently have real competition in our state's long distance business. All the companies are just alike.

With a company like Qwest **in** the market, I'll be able to get not only lower prices but also bundled services: local, long distance, wireless, Internet. I'd like to be able to write one check each month. And I'd like to be able to choose from a variety of companies – among Qwest and its competitors – to pick the best deal for me.

But for now, I don't have any of those options. While other customers in other states are saving money because they've got long distance competition, all I can do is hope for the day it happens here in our state.

I'm hopeful you will support Qwest's efforts to offer long distance, and that some time soon I'll have the opportunity to save money and have a real choice.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Ford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura J. Ford". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first name "Laura" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Ford".

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Date 8-7-02

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of the UNITED COLORADO REALTY, I am writing to you to express full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide our members and others in the community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

As an organization which represents REAL ESTATE businesses/members employing 63 people in KEHDV LLC, we believe increased long distance competition will also generate increased investment in Colorado and further enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our local ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic success of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

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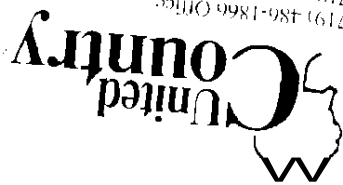
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Sincerely,



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Title OWNER



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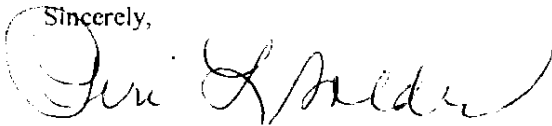
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Sincerely,



Name PERI L SOLDER
Title _____

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HC Docket No. 02-127

Date 3/1/02

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th street, S.W.-Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

On behalf of the LOFS, I am writing to you to express full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide our members and others in the community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

As an organization which represents 1 businesses/members employing 7 people in LEADVILLE, we believe increased long distance competition will also generate increased investment in Colorado and further enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our local ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic success of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

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Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please call me at (719) (486 3917).

Sincerely,

Name JOHN WELLS
Title PRESIDENT

WELLS FINANCIAL SERVICES



Phone (719) 486-0357

P.O. Box 326 — Tenth & Hemlock
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Date 2.23.02

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

W.C. Docket No. 02-187

Dear Ms. Salas,

On behalf of the SL SMITH LEONILE I am writing to you to express full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide our members and others in the community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

As an organization which represents 4 businesses/members employing 8 people in LEONILE, CO we believe increased long distance competition will also generate increased investment in Colorado and further enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our local ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic success of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

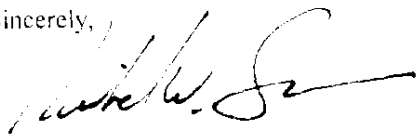
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Sincerely,



Name RICHARD W. SMITH

Title PRESIDENT

Herald Democrat



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Office of the Secretary

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WC Docket No. 02-189

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As an organization which represents ~~many~~ many businesses/members employing ~~many~~ many people in ~~Lake County~~, we believe increased long distance competition will also generate increased investment in ~~Colorado~~ and further enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our **local** ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic **success of our** community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

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Sincerely,

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Editor, Herald Democrat

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Date 7/28/02

James H. ...
Office of Secretary

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

WC Docket No. 02-189

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Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please call me at ()

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Sincerely,

Name James H. ...
Title Secretary

Aspen/Reddy/ Absolute Power Plus

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Mr. Rich McKeown
Office of the Governor
210 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

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Dear Mr. McKeown:

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I'm hopeful you will support Qwest's efforts to offer long distance, and that some time soon I'll have the opportunity to save money and have a real choice.

Sincerely,



Sandra Gustaveson
2406 Elizabeth St #1
Salt Lake City, UT 84106

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The Honorable Mark Shurtleff
Attorney General
236 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Is there anything consumers can do to fight high long distance phone rates?

It's a problem that continues to plague our state. Each year consumers and businesses throw away millions and millions of dollars, paying far more than we should on long distance service.

Other states — like New York and Texas — have resolved to do something about this mess. They've introduced real competition into long distance. The results have been mind-boggling. Consumers in these and many other states are now saving millions on their phone bills. In addition, they're also benefiting from extras like improved overall phone service and marvelous new technological enhancements.

There's absolutely no reason this same new day for consumers couldn't dawn in our state. All that is required is the introduction of competition in the long distance market. Companies like Qwest are champing at the bit to enter the market. So why not let them?

Consumers concerned about high long distance rates need to speak out for competition. It's the only way we can change things for the better.

Sincerely,



David Wilde
7419 Crestview Ct
Salt Lake City, UT 84121

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Submitted by: [illegible]
Date: 10/22/02

Mr. Kurt Beckett
Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell
2988 Jackson Federal Building
Seattle, WA 98174

March 17, 2002
WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Mr. Beckett:

Older citizens in our state have a big problem — exorbitant long distance telephone rates. People like me and my friends are simply paying far more than we should on long distance phone calls.

What makes this situation so tragic is that it doesn't have to be this way. In fact, it could change almost overnight. All our state has to do is allow real competition in long distance phone service.


Other states have already opened the doors to competition, and the savings to all consumers, not just older citizens, have been well documented. In places like New York and Texas people are now saving millions of dollars on their long distance phone calls. But not here at home.

It's not just money we're throwing away, it's opportunity. More competition will bring not just lower rates, but technological advances and better service. Companies that are considering moving to our state will take one look at our high long distance rates and decide to go somewhere else, somewhere with competitive rates. In turn, our state's economy will sag. And that's something nobody wants.

But this is also a personal issue. Because I'm on a fixed income, like most older citizens, I can't afford to make all the out-of-state phone calls that I would like, and that means I can't talk to my friends and family members as often as I'd like.

Please do what you can to fix this problem. You are a person with influence in this matter. If you join the crusade to bring real competition to long distance phone service, it could make all the difference to people like me.

Sincerely,


Gerald Warfield
1949 S Century Ln
Vercadale, WA 99037

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Representative Lynn Kessler
Washington State Legislature
Legislative Building, 3rd Floor
Olympia, WA 98504

March 20, 2002

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Representative,

I'm writing to you about competition in long distance phone service or, rather, the lack of it in Washington. Why can't we get some other companies in here to offer some competition to AT&T and MCI and give the consumers an alternative?

The only way long distance bills will go down is with additional competition. More competition will bring lower prices, better service offerings and more advanced technology. And allowing local providers to compete for long distance business will spur more competition for local service as well. Providers could offer services in a bundle, with local, long distance and DSL included.

We should allow our local phone service providers to enter the long distance market in Washington so we can realize the benefits that additional competition brings.

It's really important for small business owners, because the cost of long distance is such a big part of my expenses. Lack of competition in this area literally means lost money and lost opportunity for my customers and me.

I hope that you agree that we need more competition for long distance service in Washington, and I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this subject.

Sincerely,



Kris Wilder
2519 Pacific Hwy E
Ste E
Tacoma, WA 98424

March 20, 2002

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Representative Jeff Moms
Washington State Legislature
414 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

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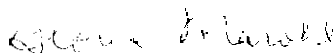
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Sincerely,



Gloria Marohl
500 Elm Way #20
Edmonds, WA 95020



ND Petroleum Marketers Association
ND Retail Association



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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

FROM: Russ Hanson, NDPMA
SUBJECT: Telecommunications

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Feb. 15, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

The North Dakota Retail/Petroleum Marketers Associations are interested in all issues that affect the bottom line of our members, and telecommunications is certainly one of them.

I have had the opportunity to review the issues involved with telecommunications regulation and the opening of local and long distance markets. I am convinced that consumers, including retail businesses, will be the beneficiaries of more open and competitive markets, and I urge you to favorably consider the North Dakota application that is before you.

Businesses are becoming more and more dependent on telecommunications products, and it is essential that we business owners access to the best, most cost-effective services available. Studies estimate that North Dakota consumers will save more than \$17 million a year if the long distance market is open here. This includes significant savings for business customers.

This is an important issue to North Dakota businesses. I urge you to act quickly and I trust that the Federal Communications Commission will vote favorably to expand long distance competition in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Russ Hanson
President

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Michael K Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S W
Washington D C 20554

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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell,

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I am a small business owner in Bismarck, N D , and I'm writing to support Qwest's re-entry into our state's long distance market

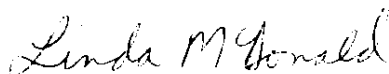
Businesses need all the tools available to be successful in today's competitive market, and affordable local and long distance phone services are some of those tools **As** long as one company is prevented from competing, the whole business community suffers

As a home-based business, I depend on telecommunications to implement my business plan **A** fully competitive long distance market will give me and other small businesses access to lower prices, better services and advanced technologies

Currently ~~in~~ North Dakota, we don't have real competition in our long distance market because the largest facilities-based provider in our state is blocked out of this market **As** a result, we're missing out on millions of dollars a year in savings that other states enjoy.

I urge you to move quickly in supporting Qwest's application to re-enter our state's long distance market It will be good for businesses and individuals alike

Sincerely,



Linda McDonald, owner
McD's Creations



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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Powell,

iNet Technologies is a Bismarck-based web development company serving clients in North Dakota and nationwide. The success of all our clients and our company itself depends on high-quality, affordable telecommunication services.

I understand the FCC is currently reviewing an application to open North Dakota's long distance market to competition from our regional Bell operating company, Qwest. I strongly urge you to approve this application.

Qwest's entry into the long distance market will have several significant benefits for North Dakota consumers. In other states where the regional Bell company has been allowed into the market, costs have dropped by 10 percent or more and competition for local phone service has also increased. Telecommunications costs are growing for businesses in this region at the same time that demand for bandwidth is increasing and the quality of service is decreasing. Dependable telecommunications services available at competitive rates are absolutely essential, not only to the future of companies like iNet Technologies, but to the economic health of our region.

North Dakota is hamstrung by Qwest's current restrictions in service relating to the LATA line that bisects our state. Qwest has more telecommunications infrastructure than any other provider in our state, yet businesses that operate statewide cannot choose them as their data or long distance phone service provider. Considering the cost of this infrastructure, I'm sure you would agree that a rural state like North Dakota must do everything it can to maximize the use of all existing fiber.

This is an important issue for North Dakota businesses. I urge you to act quickly and vote favorably to create a more competitive telecommunications market in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Jeff Essler, CEO
iNet Technologies

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Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 11, 2002

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am the owner of a small custom cabinet shop in Denver, Colorado. Long distance telephone service is very important to me and my company, as we are always using it for searching for and ordering materials and special order items, such as hardware, tools and supplies. If I have the option to save money on my phone bill, I would have to take it, considering that two of my four children are in college.

I understand that Qwest is asking the FCC for permission to offer long distance service. The sooner you can give this permission, the better for me and other small business men in my position.

Very truly yours,

Martin Vadas

President

PlastiComm Industries Inc.

Manufacturers & Assemblers of Telecom Equipment

January 28th, 2002

Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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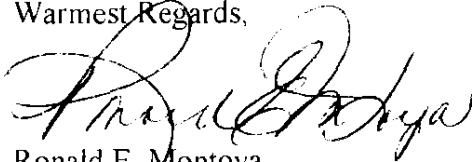
Dear Chairman Powell

I am writing you today regarding Qwest Communication's recent application to the FCC for permission to offer long distance service in Colorado. I would like to express my strong support for the FCC's quick and positive response to this recent application.

I am president and CEO of PlastiComm Industries, a supplier, assembler, and manufacturer of telecommunications products. We work very closely with Qwest as a customer and diversity supplier, and strongly encourage this move to open up Colorado's telecommunications market.

If I can provide you with any further information regarding my support as a business owner and active member of the community, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest Regards,



Ronald E. Montoya
President/CEO

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Representative Lynn Kessler
Washington State Legislature
Legislative Building, 3rd Floor
Olympia, WA 98504

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Dear Representative Lynn Kessler:

Everybody is adversely affected by our state's high long distance rates — but we seniors are more damaged by it than most.

After all, most seniors must generally make do on fixed budgets. We can't afford to waste money. And that's what these high long distance rates amount to — pure waste.

What else would you call the loss of tens of millions of dollars each year by consumers in our state but waste? Seniors in other states don't have to put up with this. In places like New York and Texas, where they recently introduced competition in long distance service, seniors don't have to worry about throwing away their money like this. Why should seniors in our state?

If this state were to allow competitors to enter the long distance market — Qwest has already stated a willingness to jump in — then we'd enjoy lower rates in short order. And we would also finally get to take advantage of the other benefits that phone competition inevitably brings, like better service and more choices in technology.

And there's one other way that seniors would benefit. We'd be able to spend more time on the phone talking to our loved ones outside the state.

Please exercise your influence to help seniors in our state. I ask you to do everything you can to bring competition to long distance.

Sincerely,

Patrick Boyle
137 NW 181st
Shoreline, WA 98117

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Lynn Kessler

March 20, 2002

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W. H. Sikes, Jr.
Chairman

Senator Tim Sheldon
Washington State Legislature
408 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

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Lewis Sikes
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Grapeview, WA 98546

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Patricia Moberg
1600 7th Ave
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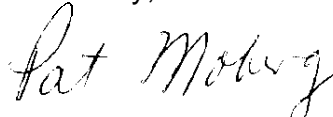
Dear Representative Lynn Kessler:

I urge you to join me in supporting the entry of our local phone company into the long distance business in Washington.

Studies show that in New York and Texas, where local providers now offer long distance services, rates have dropped, and it's even spurred more competition among local carriers. But why is it taking so long for that to happen here in our state?

Opening the long distance market to competition will improve the state's economy in a way that directly benefits large businesses and small businesses alike

Sincerely,



Patricia Moberg
1600 7th Ave
Room 2909
Seattle, WA 98191

Date 7-28-02

OCT 22 2002

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Ms. Salas,

I am writing to you to express support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide our community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

As a community leader, I believe increased long distance competition will also generate increased investment in Colorado and further enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our local ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic success of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

We understand that consumers in some other states where the Federal Communications Commission has approved increased long distance competition, including New York, Texas, Massachusetts, Oklahoma and Kansas, are experiencing the benefits and lower prices from the entry of state's local phone company. We are anxious for Colorado consumers to enjoy the same positive benefits when Qwest is allowed to compete for long distance services.

We are aware that the Colorado's Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for the past two and half years to ensure that Qwest has complied with all of the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling their entry into the long distance market. We also understand that extensive testing by an impartial party was performed to verify that Qwest's network is fair and open to all long distance service providers.

Therefore, we urge the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application in Colorado and approve the company's re-entry in the long distance business so that the positive benefits of full competition can soon be realized by all the citizens in the state.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please call me at (area code) (telephone number.)

Sincerely,



Name Cathy Hackney
Title _____

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Date 2-28-02

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The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
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Assistant Secretary
Public Utility

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Dear Ms. Salas

On behalf of the Leadville Home, I am writing to you to express full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide our members and others in the community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

As an organization which represents 1 businesses/members employing 5 people in Leadville, we believe increased long distance competition will also generate increased investment in Colorado and further enhance an already favorable business climate for every community in the state. Increased competition will strengthen our local ability to recruit new economic development prospects, expand existing businesses and create new jobs. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the economic success of our community and the prosperity of the entire state of Colorado.

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Sincerely,



Name Bill Claver

Title Owner

OCT 22 2002

Date _____

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.-Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

Office of Communications Programs, Division of
Public Safety

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

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Sincerely,

Name

Title

Date 2-27-02

OCT 22 2002

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W -Portals
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: PERKINS' MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAY
Office of Secretary

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

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On behalf of the PERKINS' MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAY, I am writing to you to express full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide our members and others in the community with broader choices, lower prices, better service and exciting new products and services.

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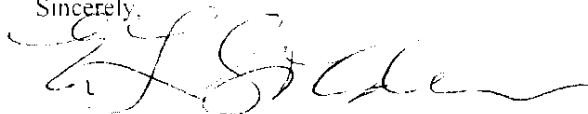
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Name E. L. SOLDERTitle OWNER